

August 9, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1 1. Re Dick Long's memorandum of June 2 (attached) on the representation on the OSCOL Working Group, I gave to Bob Flanegin and Dick Long a copy of [ ] memorandum of June 6 outlining the reasons why we should not accede to State's request.

2. On June 21, Bob Flanegin called me and said State would accept its not participating in the Working Group with the understanding that they would be given the opportunity to comment on any findings and recommendations concerning Foreign Service reporting. He also said that State thought that those findings and recommendations should be reviewed in the HRC. I told Bob that not only would we be glad to do that, but that [ ] would keep State and other interested agencies fully informed as the Working Group's activities progressed. By being kept informed, I meant both [ ] providing memorandums and other papers to State and oral briefings where pertinent.

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6 June 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Human Resources Committee

SUBJECT: State's Request for Representation on the  
OSCOL Working Group

1. In the attached memo State repeats their earlier recommendation that there be a full time State representative on the OSCOL Working Group. As we discussed the first time, acceptance of this recommendation would generate certain problems which I feel should be avoided if some other way can be found to keep State abreast of developments and enable them to participate directly when appropriate.

2. The OSCOL Working Group action program concept calls for working group representation on a functional basis, rather than on an organizational basis, in the interest of keeping the working group small and working rapidly to complete the ad-hoc job. Accordingly, I have turned back similar "strong recommendations" from Army and NSA for direct representation on the working group. I see little merit in any organizational entity being represented on the working group as a matter of form. Similarly, the argument that State should participate actively in all activities of the working group on the basis of State's role in Community open source collection activities is not very persuasive. While their role is important, and I do not mean to imply otherwise, they have a lot of company center stage in the OSCOL arena as can be seen in the attachment hereto.

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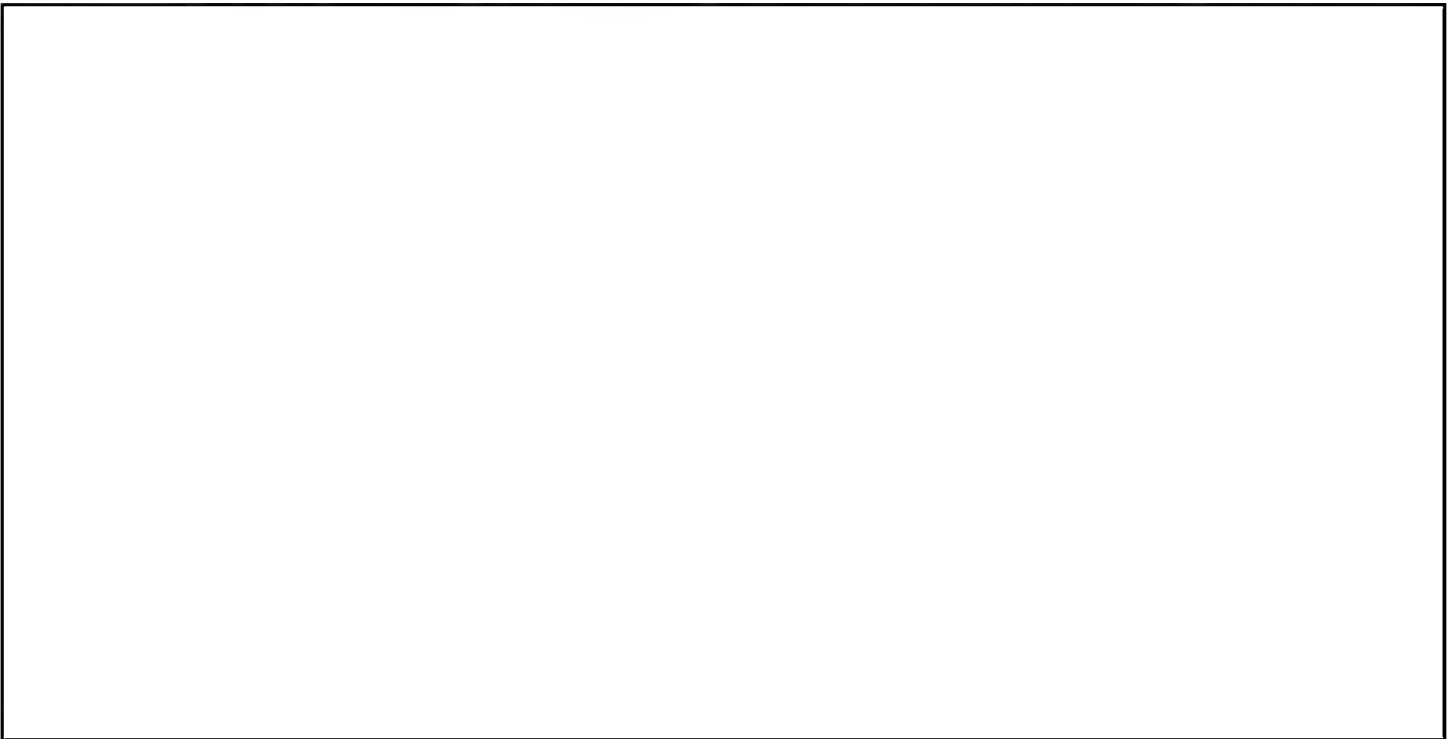
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4. My thinking is that as the issues before the working group change, the composition of the working group will change also; some persons will want to drop out and other program managers will be called in to participate. If my initial who-is-doing-what-for-whom search turns up an apparent issue or opportunity in the IMPAC area, for example, we would want appropriate State and CIA representation in the working group for the duration of work on those topics. Community OSCOL activities that do not appear to harbor problems or opportunities for improvement do not need to receive attention from the ad hoc working group, although they likely would receive routine attention by whatever permanent OSCOL sub-element the HRC eventually establishes. I feel that in the main the working group should concentrate on Washington area functional problems and opportunities pertinent to NFIP planning, and to the formulation of specific recommendations for HRC and D/DCI/CT consideration. That is the only way that we can hope to conclude this task this summer.

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6. May I suggest that you discuss these matters with State's HRC representative before making a decision on his recommendation.



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June 2, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR : Ambassador Edward S. Little  
Chairman  
Human Resources Committee

SUBJECT : OSCOL Ad-Hoc Working Group

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed Terms of Reference of the OSCOL Ad-Hoc Working Group which you transmitted with your memorandum of May 22, 1978 (HRC-C-78-038).

We consider that the new Terms of Reference have considerably sharpened the focus of the Working Group's efforts. In particular, we note that "an essential first step" of the working group will be to find out "who is acquiring, indexing, storing, collating, comparing, translating, (and) analysing what for whom" (paragraph no. 7). As I stated in my memorandum of April 24, 1978 to [redacted], such an inventory is vital for any subsequent analysis of problems and issues.

In view of the Department of State's overall responsibility for collecting open source materials overseas and its direct involvement in the INR/P program, its own Library acquisitions, and its use of open source materials, we strongly recommend that State be represented on the Working Group. State's participation in all phases of the Working Group's determinations and recommendations will be highly relevant in view of State's major role as both a collector and end-user. This recommendation was also made in my earlier memorandum to Mr. [redacted]

In looking at open source collection from the Intelligence Community viewpoint, we should of course bear in mind that much of this collection is done for purposes other than the direct support of national intelligence and is funded outside of the NFIP budget. This is particularly pertinent to questions such as

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paragraph no. 8 ("How much open source collection reporting is enough"), since some agencies outside the Intelligence Community may have differing views on how much is enough especially where they fund the collection.

*for Richard G. Long*  
Department of State Representative  
Human Resources Committee

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